

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2013

SPEECH OF

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 8, 2012

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5882) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2013, and for other purposes:

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. Chair, I rise in support of H.R. 5882, the FY13 Legislative Branch Appropriations bill and to commend Chairmen ROGERS and CRENSHAW and Ranking Members DICKS and HONDA for working together to bring this bi-partisan legislation to the floor.

H.R. 5882 provides \$3.3 billion for operations of the House of Representatives and joint operations with the U.S. Senate. The funding level is \$34 million less than the current year and \$190 million less than requested by those offices and agencies covered by the bill. H.R. 5882 freezes funding for House operations at the current level, while increasing funds for the U.S. Capitol Police, for the Government Accountability Office—which conducts oversight investigations for the Federal government, and for the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office.

The funding provided by this measure is needed for the smooth and efficient operation of the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. It provides funds for phone service, for computers for postage and for every other resource necessary for the legislative branch of the American government to serve the people of the United States.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall No. 318, I was unable to cast a vote on this amendment to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill for fiscal year 2013 due to obligations in my district. The underlying bill was a well struck balance of funding priorities, and I feel that the funding for our National Nuclear Security Administration should be maintained at appropriate levels to protect our national security.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

IN RECOGNITION OF RANDALL B. PARKER FOR HIS MERITORIOUS CIVILIAN SERVICE AWARD NOMINATION

HON. STEVE AUSTRIA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Mr. AUSTRIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Randall B. Parker. I am honored to recognize Mr. Parker for his Meritorious Civilian Service Award nomination. Mr. Parker was nominated for his outstanding service as Vice Director, 88th Air Base Wing (ABW), Aeronautical Systems Center (ASC), Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB), Ohio from 4 March 2007 to 10 March 2012.

During his service, Mr. Parker distinguished himself as an exceptional leader who guided the organization through numerous cultural and business challenges while executing a full range of personal management responsibilities. Over the course of his tenure, he prepared and developed personnel for career opportunities, provided guidance to ensure work effort and products reflected management's expectations, and spearheaded the "Grow the Force" 88th ABW Commander's initiative, focused on recruiting and developing a superior, qualified workforce, while responding to ongoing budgetary and manpower reduction driven by the office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD) and Headquarters Air Force (HAF) efficiency initiatives.

Mr. Parker's expertise and experience are truly noteworthy and will be greatly missed. His outstanding performance culminates a long and distinguished career that reflects his commitment and service to our community and nation.

Thus, with great pride, I recognize Randall B. Parker for his long-term commitment to the United States Air Force and I would like to extend best wishes for the future.

HONORING HOUSE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE SUE MYRICK OF NORTH CAROLINA

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to acknowledge the work and leadership of one of my colleagues on the House Intelligence Committee, Representative SUE MYRICK of North Carolina.

Representative MYRICK has decided to retire from Congress and this may well be her last official vote for the Intelligence Authorization Act of FY 2013. With her retirement, we lose a dedicated committee member.

Representative MYRICK's engagement on matters of homegrown terrorism and supply

chain management and her leadership of the Subcommittee on Terrorism, HUMINT, Analysis, and Counterintelligence will be sorely missed.

As a member of the House Intelligence Committee, Representative MYRICK has consistently demonstrated a willingness to work collaboratively to ensure the intelligence community has the resources it needs while simultaneously securing the Constitutional rights of United States citizens.

It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with her on the House Intelligence Committee. She has dutifully served both her local constituents and this Nation.

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California, my district included, is very dependent on gasoline for its transportation needs. Without the necessary research funds, the state will not be able to develop new and better ways to fuel our cars and trucks. With nearly fifty percent of California's oil coming from the Middle East, it is crucial that we continue to research and develop our fuel resources here at home to ease our dependence on an unstable source that can drive up costs on consumers.

Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

IN RECOGNITION OF LEADER NANCY PELOSI'S 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 12, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Leader NANCY PELOSI's outstanding achievements during her 25 years of service as a Member of Congress. It has been a great privilege to serve alongside and learn from such a strong and effective leader.

One of the proudest moments of my career was when I was sworn into the House of Representatives by Ms. PELOSI. She has been a mentor to me, and I am continually inspired by her unwavering commitment to social and economic justice. She skillfully balances her desire for bipartisanship cooperation with faithfulness to her core beliefs, a rare talent in politics today.

Speaker PELOSI made history when she was selected as the first female Democratic Leader

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